

# Kōmiti Whakarite Mahere / Planning Committee

## Workshop: Resource Management System Reform

### NOTES

Minutes of a Planning Committee workshop held in Room 1, Level 26, 135 Albert Street, Auckland on Wednesday, 11 December 2019 at 9.36am.

#### PRESENT

Chairperson Cr Chris Darby	From 9.37am
Deputy Chair Cr Josephine Bartley	From 9.44am
Cr Cathy Casey	
Deputy Mayor Bill Cashmore	Until 11.05am
Cr Fa'anana Efeso Collins	
Cr Pippa Coom	
Cr Linda Cooper, JP	From 9.40am
Cr Angela Dalton	
Cr Hon Christine Fletcher, QSO	From 10.19am, until 10.45am
Cr Shane Henderson	
Cr Richard Hills	
Cr Tracy Mulholland	
Cr Daniel Newman, JP	
IMSB Member Liane Ngamane	From 9.51am
Cr Greg Sayers	Until 10.46am
Cr Desley Simpson, JP	
Cr Sharon Stewart, QSM	Until 10.55am
Cr Wayne Walker	From 9.37am, until 10am
Cr John Watson	From 9.54am
Cr Paul Young	

#### ABSENT

Cr Alf Filipaina	
Mayor Hon Phil Goff, CNZM, JP	On council business
IMSB Member Hon Tau Henare	

#### ALSO PRESENT

Andrew Baker	Chairperson, Franklin Local Board
Gary Brown (from 9.47am to 10am)	Hibiscus and Bays Local Board
David Collings	Howick Local Board
Harry Doig (until 11.02am)	Chairperson, Puketāpapa Local Board
Ella Kumar, JP (until 10.54am)	Puketāpapa Local Board
Chris Makoare	Chairperson, Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board
Margaret Miles, QSM, JP	Chairperson, Upper Harbour Local Board
Richard Northey, ONZM	Chairperson, Waitematā Local Board

Phelan Pirrie  
Bobby Shen

Chairperson, Rodney Local Board  
Puketāpapa Local Board

Note: No decisions or resolutions may be made by a Workshop or Working Party, unless the Governing Body or Committee resolution establishing the working party, specifically instructs such action.

**Purpose:** To be briefed on the strategic context for the resource management system reform and to provide direction on key issues for council’s submission.

The Deputy Mayor chaired the workshop until Chairperson Cr Darby arrived at 9.37am.

<b>1</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies from Cr Filipaina for absence, Mayor Phil Goff for absence on council business and Chairperson Cr Darby, Deputy Chairperson Cr Bartley, Cr Cooper and Cr Fletcher for lateness were noted.</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Resource Management system comprehensive reform: issues and options paper submission development</b></p> <p><u>Workshop presenters and facilitators</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simon Randall, Team Leader – Strategic Scanning</li> <li>• Lou-Ann Ballantyne, Māori Outcomes Lead CPO</li> <li>• John Duguid, General Manager – Plans and Places</li> </ul> <p><u>Notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The workshop canvassed several key issues identified by the Resource Management Review Panel’s issues and options paper titled <i>Transforming the resource management system: Opportunities of change</i>. These were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ issues with the resource management system and the drivers behind them</li> <li>○ purpose and principles of a future system</li> <li>○ Integration of land use planning and environmental protection</li> <li>○ better recognising Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Staff will use the guidance received to inform Council’s draft submission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is due 3 February 2020 to the Resource Management Review Panel</li> <li>○ The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee and IMSB Member Liane Ngamane have been delegated the authority to approve the final submission. This will be reported to a subsequent meeting of the Planning Committee</li> <li>○ After the panel has reported its proposed approach to the Minister for the Environment by 1 June 2020 council will have the opportunity to submit on the Minister’s preferred approach.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

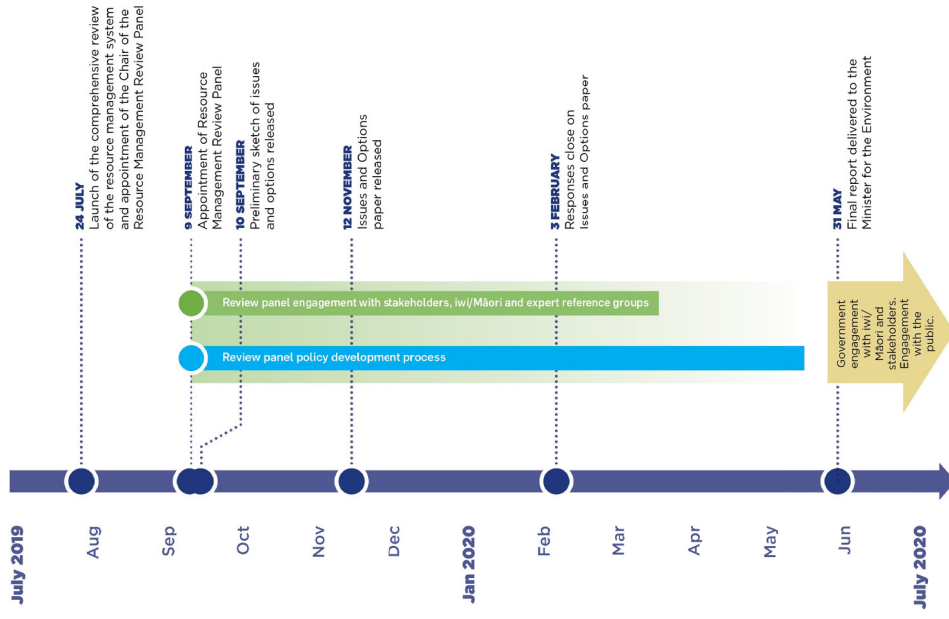
The workshop closed at 11.09am.

# Comprehensive Resource Management System Reform: Issues and options submission

# Purpose of today

- Context and overview
  - Current challenges
  - Issues with the system
- Issues for guidance:
  - Integration of land use planning and environmental protection
  - Purpose of the resource management system
  - Priorities for the resource management system
  - Appropriate recognition of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Te Ao Māori

# Context



- Comprehensive review by an independent panel
- Builds on a number of reviews (Environmental Defence Society, Productivity Commission, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment)
- Part of “improving our resource management system programme”
- After the panel delivers its final report the Government will consult on its reform proposals
- Any legislation would be next term (post October/November 2020) dependent on the election outcome

# Current challenges facing the resource management system (pgs 11-13)

- New Zealand's natural environment is under significant pressure (including with climate change)
- Urban development not keeping pace with growth
- Impacts of changing use of rural land

1. Are these the right challenges to be addressing?

# Reasons why the system has not adequately responded (pgs 13-19)

- Lack of clear environmental protections
  - Lack of recognition of the benefits of urban development
  - A focus on managing effects of resource use rather than planning to achieve outcomes
  - A bias towards the status quo
  - Lack of effective integration across the system
  - Excessive complexity, uncertainty, and cost
  - Lack of adequate national direction
  - Insufficient recognition of Te Tiriti and lack of support for Māori participation
  - Weak and slow policy and planning
  - Weak compliance, monitoring, and enforcement
  - Capability and capacity challenges in central and local government
  - Weak accountability for outcomes and lack of effective monitoring and oversight
2. Do these look right? Are there any other reasons we should capture?
  3. Are there some of these that are more important to us than others?



# Purpose of the resource management system (Issue 2)

4. Should the purpose of the resource management system be:
  - sustainably managing natural and physical resources (status quo) or
  - improving outcomes for people, places and environment or
  - something else
5. Should there be a requirement to positively improve the environment as well as avoiding, remedying, or mitigating adverse effects on it?
6. Does the system need to be more focused on outcomes than effects?

# Integration of land use planning and environmental protection (Issue 1)

7. Should the way land use is planned and controlled, and protection for the environment (air, land, and water) be:
  - Governed by the same system
  - Governed by separate systems

# Priorities for the resource management system (issue 2)

8. Should any of the following be added as new priorities:
  - High quality urban environments
  - Provision of sufficient appropriate capacity for development to meet current and future demands
  - A more holistic response to climate change (adaptation, mitigation, resilience)
  - Provision of key infrastructure
  - Any others?

# Recognising Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te ao Māori (issue 3)

## A Treaty based approach to resource management

- Are changes required to s8 (taking into account the principles of the Treaty) including the hierarchy with regard to ss. 6 and 7?

## Recognising Te Ao Māori

- Other changes needed to address Māori interests and engagement in RMA decision making?